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TO : Colonel E. W. Gamble, Jr.  
Executive and Liquidating Officer, OSS

FROM : Field Experimental Unit

SUBJECT: Liquidation of Field Experimental Unit

DATE: 18 September 1945

1. In compliance with the request of Major W. G. Tharp of 15 September 1945, the following plan of liquidation for the Field Experimental Unit is submitted:


Upon receipt of the original orders from General Donovan to liquidate, this Unit had 55 persons assigned to it. Of this number 26 persons have been released to date, leaving 29 persons assigned (18 military, 2 naval, 3 civilians and 6 mail bags).

The following is a list of personnel still assigned with the proposed dates for their release:

Colonel Carl F. Eifler	1 December
Major Floyd R. Frazee	1 December
Lt. Comdr. H. L. Stanley	15 November
Major Robert T. Aitken	15 November
Major Vincent L. Curl	1 December
Major Philip S. Huston	30 September
Captain Pedro J. Aguirre	30 September
Lt. Lee E. Echols	1 December
Captain Garth B. Oswald	1 December
Captain William C. Sankey	1 December
Lt. George Roberts	1 December
M/Sgt. E. C. Cleveland	30 September
T/Sgt. William A. Amick	31 October
T/Sgt. Harold H. Slack	30 September
T/Sgt. Newton R. Wantland	30 September
S/Sgt. David E. Brownson	1 October
S/Sgt. Stella Gubar	1 December
S/Sgt. Harold L. Johnson	15 October
S/Sgt. William L. Shaul	15 October
Sgt. Carl Dean Gramlich	1 December
CAF-4 Estelle Aikman	30 September
CAF-7 Helen Culgen	15 November
CAF-4 Nora Walker	1 December
6 Mail Bags	30 September

2. It is contemplated that by 1 December 1945 it will be possible to complete all transactions involved in the liquidation of this Unit and personnel will be released by that date. However, this date is but an estimate and it may be necessary to advance it or possible to liquidate in less time, releasing personnel before dates indicated.

For the Commanding Officer:

  
FLOYD R. FRAZEE  
Major, Infantry  
Executive Officer  
FEU

Field Experimental Unit

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Colonel Edward W. Gamble, Jr., OSS  
Executive and Liquidating Officer.  
Major William G. Tharp

DATE: 14 Sept. 1945

SUBJECT: Status of Liquidation -- Field Experimental Unit.

Captain G. B. Oswald, Air Corps, Acting Chief, Field Experimental Unit, advised me that Colonel Eifler, Commanding Officer of the FEU, will return to Washington from the West Coast on Monday next, 17 September 1945. Major Frazee, their Executive Officer, is also out of the city and will return on Monday.

Oswald stated that the present strength of FEU is as follows:

Army:

Officers..... 8  
Enlisted Men..... 10

Navy:

Officers..... 2  
Enlisted Men..... 0

Civilians:

Vouchered..... 3  
Unvouchered..... 0

Total Strength ..... 23

In addition to the above personnel they presently have six Japanese prisoners of war who are being held on the West Coast. The PW's are Koreans who were picked up from Japanese labor battalions. They will have to be returned to the War Department when liquidation is effected.

Oswald stated that it was his understanding that Colonel Eifler intended to close out the entire FEU at the earliest possible moment. They have already had verbal instructions to this effect from either Mr. Cheston or the Director (Oswald was not certain).

I explained to Oswald that the Executive and Liquidating Officer wanted a memorandum covering the Unit's plans for liquidation, including a specific date as to when it could be accomplished as well as justification for the retention of any personnel over a prolonged period. He assured me that Colonel Eifler would give this his earliest attention upon return and it would probably be in Monday or Tuesday.